

# Rainforests: The Amazon

<b>Aim:</b> To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America by comparing the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.	<b>Success Criteria:</b> I can tell you some similarities between the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.  I can tell you some differences between the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.	<b>Resources:</b> <a href="#">Lesson Pack</a>
I can compare the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.	<b>Key/New Words:</b> Amazon rainforest, Sherwood Forest, Amazon river, species, natives, tribes, woodland, heathland, 'thynng' site.	<b>Preparation:</b> <a href="#">Comparing Forests Venn Diagram Activity Sheet</a> per group (printed A3)  <a href="#">Comparing Forests Venn Diagram Fact Cards</a> per group  <a href="#">Comparing Forests Activity Sheet</a> per child  <a href="#">Forest Fact File</a> per child

**Prior Learning:** Children will have discussed different types of forest in lesson 1.

## Learning Sequence

	<b>Types of Forests:</b> Show children the images of different types of forests – which ones do we find in the UK? Which ones are not found in the UK?	
	<b>The Amazon Rainforest:</b> Share the facts about the Amazon Rainforest. Watch <a href="#">this video</a> showing scenes and sounds from the Amazon Rainforest.	
	<b>Sherwood Forest:</b> Share the facts about Sherwood Forest. Watch <a href="#">this video</a> showing you Clumber Park (part of Sherwood Forest) from the air. What similarities and differences can children spot? (You may need to tell children that the water is a man-made lake, not a river)	
	<b>Comparing Forests:</b> Children identify similarities and differences between Sherwood Forest and the Amazon Rainforest. <div> <div>            Children work in groups using the <a href="#">Comparing Forests Venn Diagram Activity Sheet</a> and <a href="#">Comparing Forests Venn Diagram Fact Cards</a> to compare differences between The Amazon rainforest and Sherwood Forest.         </div> <div>            Children complete the table on the <a href="#">Comparing Forests Activity Sheet</a> to compare aspects of each forest, using the <a href="#">Forest Fact File</a> to gain information.         </div> <div>            Children use the <a href="#">Comparing Forests Activity Sheet</a> to write sentences comparing aspects of each forest, using the <a href="#">Forest Fact File</a> to gain information.         </div> </div>	
	<b>What Have They Got in Common?</b> Ask children to share the similarities they have identified. Do you think all forests would have these things in common? Which ones might apply to all forests?	

## Taskit

**Writeit:** Children could research more about each forest and create a tour guide for each location.

**Planit:** How easy would it be to travel to each forest? Look at the different travel options from your location to Edwinstowe (Sherwood Forerst) or Manaus (Amazon Rainforest) Google Maps can work this out for you!

**Readit:** Find out more about the tale of Robin Hood. Compare the story to tales from Brazilian or Peruvian folklore.